

## RECORD MAY DECIDE CASE OF GRAND OPERA TENOR

Lincoln, Neb., April 29.—A phonographic record made in 1910 may be used to decide whether Walter Wheatley, grand opera tenor and formerly prominent member of the Aborn company, is innocent of charge of embezzling \$350,000 from Americus, Ga., National bank, which failed last year because of embezzlement by cashier known as George D. Wheatley.

Wheatley says the phonograph record was made in England in 1910 and he offers to establish his identity and prove an alibi by singing for government agents to show that the voice on the record and his own are the same. The missing cashier, who was also a singer, was assistant cashier at Americus from 1906 to 1914 and was not in London in 1910.

## DON'T WANT CHAPERONES

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—Vassar college girls have petitioned for abolition of chaperons, the honor system and permission for male guests to visit them on Sunday.



E. P. Costigan, special defender of Lawson.

## STATE'S ATT'Y HOYNE PROBES POWER OF ACCUSED POLICE

The powerful influences said to be at work to save Capt. John J. Halpin and other members of the police department, now under indictment as a result of confessions made by Barney Bertsche, Frank and Jimmy Ryan, are being investigated by State's Att'y Hoyne.

Tips received by the prosecutor indicate that this influence has been even extended among members of the state legislature and that pressure is now being brought to bear to have Bertsche and Jimmy Ryan lodged in the state penitentiary on the conviction secured against them in the clairvoyant cases.

It is generally understood that to reach at graft in the police department Hoyne consented to ask that Bertsche and Jimmy Ryan be pardoned.

If they were placed in the penitentiary at this time, with the police graft about to come to trial, it would be a blow to Hoyne's prosecution.

Recently it was reported that Attorney General Patrick Lucey was going to court to enforce the immediate imprisonment of Bertsche and Ryan. Hoyne's office got busy and since then nothing has been heard from Lucey.

It is that matter that Hoyne is said to have been investigating during his absence from the office for the last few days. It is known that all the accused men have powerful friends who are willing to go the limit to save them.

It is also known that some of these men are powerful politicians whose word carries great weight with officials of the state of Illinois.

Reports are also current that Hoyne has secured another Valuable witness whom he wishes to have appear before the grand jury some time before the beginning of the trial.